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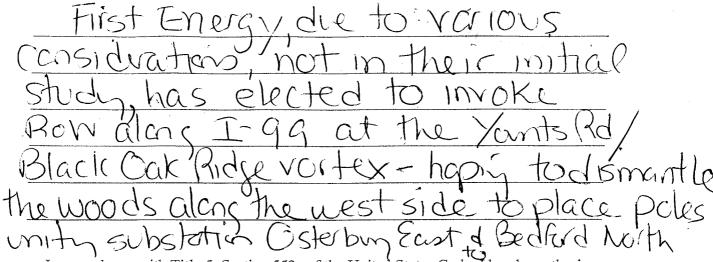
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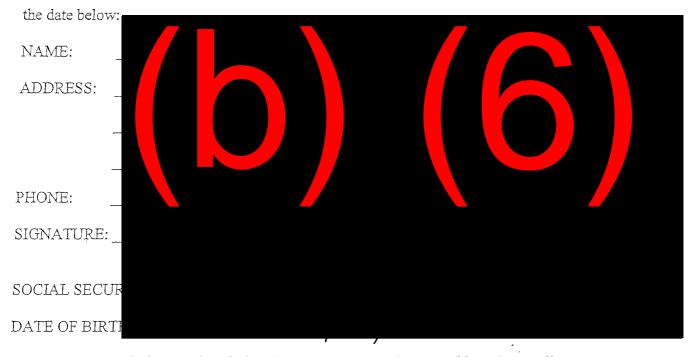


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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application of Pennsylvania Electric
Company for Approval to Locate and

Construct the Bedford North-Osterburg East

115 kV HV Transmission Line Project

Situated in Bedford and East St. Clair :

Townships, Bedford County, Pennsylvania

Docket No. A-2011-2247862

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have, this 25th day of January, 2012, served true and correct copies of the Response Of Pennsylvania-Electric Company To The Administrative Law Judge's Order Reopening The Record And Pennsylvania Electric Company's Motion For Leave To Submit Supplemental Testimony upon the persons and in the manner set forth below.

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TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

SITUATED IN BEDFORD AND EAST ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIPS, BEDFORD

COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA :

RESPONSE OF PENNSYLVANIA-ELECTRIC COMPANY TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S ORDER REOPENING THE RECORD AND PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY

Pennsylvania Electric Company ("Penelec" or the "Company") is filing this Response and Motion for Leave to Submit Supplemental Testimony pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the Administrative Law Judge's ("ALJ") Order Reopening the Record issued on January 18, 2012 ("January 18 Order").

- 1. As set forth in the January 18 Order (p. 3), on January 12, 2012, the ALJ received a letter from Rebecca Beegle Fair opposing the construction of the Bedford North-Osterburg East 115 kV HV Transmission Line ("Bedford-Osterburg Line"), which is the subject of the above-captioned Application filed by Penelec on June 30, 2011.
- 2. Ordering Paragraph No. 2 of the January 18 Order provides Penclec the opportunity to submit, on or before January 25, 2012, any objections it may have to the admission into the record of Ms. Fair's letter. Paragraph No. 3 of the January 18 Order provides

that Ms. Fair would have until February 1, 2012 to respond to Penelec's objections, if any are filed.

- 3. Penelec would not have any objection to the admission of Ms. Fair's letter provided that the Company is given an opportunity to respond with brief supplemental testimony and accompanying attachments in order to provide the necessary background and context for Ms. Fair's remarks, to explain relevant facts necessary to understand the location of the proposed Bedford-Osterburg Line relative to Ms. Fair's property, and to correct certain inaccuracies in Ms. Fair's letter.
- 4. As an integral part of its Response to the January 18 Order, Penelec hereby moves for leave to submit, and for the ALJ to admit into the evidentiary record, Penelec Statement No. 5-A, the supplemental testimony and attachments of David Kozy, Jr., which are annexed hereto as Appendix A. Penelec believes that Mr. Kozy's supplemental testimony and accompanying attachments are needed to properly develop the record and to properly assess the averments of Ms. Fair's letter.
- 5. If Penelec's Motion for leave to submit supplemental testimony and accompanying attachments is granted, Penelec would have no objection to the admission into evidence of Ms. Fair's letter and would waive cross-examination of Ms. Fair. Penelec believes that the admission of both Ms. Fair's letter and the supplemental testimony and attachments provided in Appendix A will assure that a complete and accurate record is available for the ALJ's Initial Decision and the Commission's final Order in this case.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Penelec moves for leave to submit, and for the ALJ to admit into the evidentiary record, Penelec Statement No. 5-A, the supplemental testimony and attachments of David Kozy, Jr., which are annexed hereto as Appendix A and, if such Motion is granted, Penelec would have no objection to the admission into evidence of Ms. Fair's letter dated January 12, 2012 to the ALJ and would waive cross-examination of Ms. Fair.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A PENELEC STATEMENT NO. 5-A

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SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DAVID KOZY, JR.

ON BEHALF OF PENNSYLVANIA-ELECTRIC COMPANY

STATEMENT NO. 5-A

Responding to Ms. Fairs' letter to the Administrative Law Judge concerning the Bedford North-Osterburg East 115 kV HV Transmission Line Project

Dated: January 25, 2012

1		SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY		
2		OF		
3		DAVID KOZY, JR.		
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5 6 7	Q.	Please state your name and business address.		
8	A.	My name is David Kozy, Jr., and my business address is 76 South Main Street, Akron,		
9		Ohio 44308		
10	Q.	By whom are you employed and in what capacity?		
11	Α.	I am employed by FirstEnergy Service Company, and my title is General Manager of		
12		Transmission Engineering.		
13	Q.	Have you previously sponsored written direct testimony in this proceeding?		
14	A.	Yes. I sponsored Pennsylvania Electric Company ("Penelec") Statement No. 5 and the		
15		accompanying Penelec Exhibit Nos. 6 through 12 and 18, which were admitted into the		
16		record at the evidentiary hearing held on December 13, 2011.		
17	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony?		
18	A.	The purpose of this testimony is to respond to a letter dated January 12, 2012 from		
19		Rebecca Beegle Fair to Administrative Law Judge Mary D. Long ("ALJ") that contains		
20		certain statements about the proposed Bedford North-Osterburg East 115 kV HV		
21		Transmission Line ("Bedford-Osterburg Line"). By her Order issued January 18, 2012,		

the ALJ reopened the evidentiary record to consider the admission of Ms. Fair's letter after providing Penelec an opportunity to object to the letter's admission. I understand that Penelec's counsel has responded to the ALJ's Order and stated that Penelec would have no objection to admitting Ms. Fair's letter if Penclec has the opportunity to provide a brief response. This statement is Penelec's response. Specifically, I will: (1) provide some background and context to help understand the location of the centerline and right-of-way of the proposed Bedford-Osterburg Line relative to Ms. Fair's property; (2) explain why Penelec has been negotiating to obtain vegetation clearing rights on a portion of Ms. Fair's property; and (3) clarify and correct certain statements made by Ms. Fair about the possible environmental effect of the line in the vicinity of her property.

Have you prepared an attachment depicting Ms. Fair's property in relation to the

- Q. Have you prepared an attachment depicting Ms. Fair's property in relation to the right-of-way of the proposed Bedford-Osterburg Line?
- A. Yes. Attachment 1 to this statement is an aerial photograph showing Ms. Fair's property, which is enclosed by a solid red line. As the photograph shows, Ms. Fair's property is a wooded tract with no dwellings or structures of any kind located on it. Neither Ms. Fair nor anyone else lives on the property. The aerial photograph also shows the location of the centerline of the proposed Bedford North-Osterburg Line as a solid yellow line, which has been labeled as such on the attachment. Attachment 1 also shows Interstate 99/U.S. Route 220, which is located east of the proposed line.

1	Q.	Is any part of the right-of-way for the Bcdford-Osterburg Line located on Ms. Fair's
2		property?

- 3 A. No, no part of the right-of-way for the proposed line is located on Ms. Fair's property. At 4 the point where the proposed line would be nearest to Ms. Fair's property (at the 5 northeast corner), the centerline of the proposed line will be 112 feet from her property 6 line, and the edge of the sixty-foot right-of-way will be approximately 82 feet from her 7 property line. As shown on Attachment 1, as the proposed line progresses south, the 8 distance between the line and Ms. Fair's property increases.
- 9 Q. Just to be clear, does Penelec need to obtain any easement or other rights over Ms. 10 Fair's property to construct the Bedford-Osterburg Line?
- 11 A. No, Penelec does not need to obtain any right-of-way or other rights over the Fair 12 property to construct the Bedford-Osterburg Line.
- 13 0. Ms. Fair's letter refers to certain discussions that have taken place, and are 14 continuing, between Penelec and Ms. Fair. What is the subject of those discussions?
- 15 A. Out of an abundance of caution, Penelec is seeking to obtain from Ms. Fair the right to 16 clear trees and other vegetation on a portion of her property in the event that, at some 17 time in the future, continued growth of existing vegetation would have the potential to 18 interfere with the operation and maintenance of the line. As I explained before, the 19 rights Penelec would like to obtain are not needed for the construction of the Bedford-20 Osterburg Line nor are they needed for the line's initial safe and reliable operation and maintenance. However, vegetation clearing rights may be necessary to assure the future

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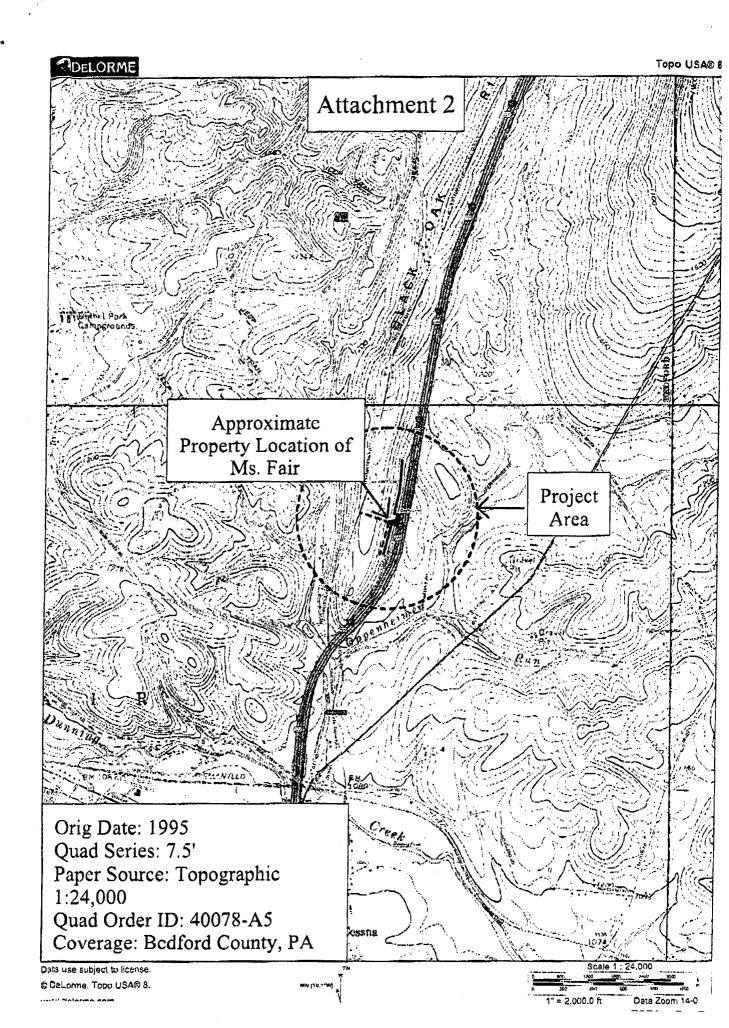
safe and reliable operation of the line. The trees currently on Ms. Fair's property are not
currently tall enough to be an issue for the safe and reliable operation of the proposed
line. If those trees continue to grow or if other trees sprout or are planted at or near the
eastern boundary line of Ms. Fair's property, that vegetation could, at some future date,
hecome an issue

- Q. Does Penelec currently have any eminent domain proceedings pending with respect
 to Ms. Fair's property?
- 8 Α. No, it does not. Penelec has been discussing this matter with Ms. Fair since March 2011, 9 has explained its needs and the rights it seeks to acquire, and has described the possible 10 future effect on Ms. Fair's property if those rights were granted. Penelec's representatives last made contact with Ms. Fair in December 2011. The lines of 11 12 communication remain open and Penelec hopes to be able to reach an amicable agreement to obtain the rights it may need in the future. Of course, although Penelec 13 wants to avoid pursuing eminent domain proceedings, it is always possible that it may be 14 15 necessary to do so. However, as I explained, the need for vegetation clearing rights lies relatively far in the future, and the Company believes there is sufficient time to reach an 16 17 agreement with Ms. Fair.
- Q. At page 3 of her letter to the ALJ, Ms. Fair alleges that the "power line project going against a crumbling cut-away cliff is ill-advised." Can you comment on that statement?
- 21 A. Yes. As shown on Attachment 1, Ms. Fair's property is covered with numerous trees and 22 there is no exposed cliff face on her property. The proposed Bedford-Osterburg Line will

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be located east of Ms. Fair's property, as depicted by the yellow line showing the location					
of the centerline on Attachment 1. The topography in the area that is depicted on					
Attachment 1 is also shown on Attachment 2, which is a topographic map that shows					
contour lines at twenty foot vertical intervals. Attachment 2 shows that Ms. Fair's					
property slopes west to cast towards Interstate 99/ U.S. Route 220. It appears the					
"crumbling cut-away cliff" that Ms. Fair mentions in her letter is the highway cut for					
Interstate 99/U.S. Route 220, which appears to be largely exposed rock. The highway cut					
can be seen more clearly on Attachment 1 west of the red lines that mark Interstate					
99/U.S. Route 220. We do not foresee the construction, operation or maintenance of the					
Bedford-Osterburg Line having any significant impact on the exposed rock of the					
highway cut because the structures to support the line will be constructed well away from					
the cut and, as explained in Penelec Statement No. 5 (pages 8-9), Penelec will comply					
with its Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan to avoid any material adverse					
environmental impact from the construction, operation and maintenance of the line.					
Does that conclude your supplemental testimony?					
Yes, it does.					



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As requested, attached is a complete copy of Pennsylvania Electric Company's January 25, 2012 filing response to Judge Long's January 18, 2012 Order.

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Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

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